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WIRES:

1. AP (BARRY SCHWEID FROM BRUSSELS):

EXCERPT:

QUOTE: SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, LEAVING HIS
LAST MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)
APPEALED TODAY FOR 'A CODE OF RESTRAINT' BETWEEN EAST AND

WEST TO KEEP THE WORLD FROM SLIDING INTO 'AN UNIMAGINABLE
CATASTROPHE.'

KISSINGER ADDRESSED A NEWS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING A TWO-DAY
MEETING OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS, THEN FLEW TO LONDON TO
DISCUSS THE DEADLOCKED GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA.

KISSINGER SAID AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE THAT NATO HAS TWO
TASKS -- TO IMPROVE ITS SECURITY TO NEUTRALIZE THE GROWING
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SOVIET STRENGTH AND TO WORK FOR PEACE.

'IN A NUCLEAR AGE,' HE SAID, 'THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION
WE HAVE A DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT ANY TEMPTATION

ON THE PART OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT CONTINUE TO MULTIPLY ARMAMENTS TO BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS BY THE USE OF ARMS.'

AT THE SAME TIME, HE WENT ON, 'THE FUTURE OF WORLD PEACE AND PERHAPS THE SURVIVAL OF HUMANITY DEPENDS ON WHETHER, IN RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, WE CAN FIND A SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS AND A CODE OF RESTRAINT LEST WE SLIDE AGAIN, AS HAS HAPPENED SO OFTEN IN HISTORY, TO A SERIES OF MISCALCULATIONS TO SEEK THE ACCUMULATION OF MARGINAL ADVANTAGES AND INTO, PERHAPS, AN UNIMAGINABLE CATASTROPHE.'

KISSINGER LEFT WITH TRIBUTES FROM THE OTHER WESTERN MINISTERS. NATO SECRETARY-GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS SAID, 'WE IN THE ALLIANCE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH A MAN TO WHOM THE ADJECTIVE "GREAT" CAN BE APPLIED WITH SINCERITY.'

LUNS SAID HE WAS CONVINCED KISSINGER WILL STAND IN HISTORY 'AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF OUR CENTURY.'

AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE, KISSINGER SAID 'PROGRESS REMAINS POSSIBLE' IN THOSE TALKS.

TURNING TO THE MIDDLE EAST, KISSINGER SAID, 'ALL OF THE PARTIES HAVE COME TO THE REALIZATION THAT THERE IS NO MILITARY SOLUTION TO THEIR CONFLICT AND THAT SOME NEGO-

TIATED PEACE MUST BE SOUGHT.'

ON OTHER SUBJECTS, KISSINGER SAID:

-- THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY INCREASE IN OIL PRICES BY THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC), WHICH MEETS LATER THIS MONTH IN QATAR.

-- POLITICAL PROGRESS IN SPAIN SHOULD SERVE TO SPEED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DAY IN WHICH THAT COUNTRY IS ADMITTED TO NATO. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE OBJECTED TO SPAIN'S MEMBERSHIP UNTIL A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHED THERE.

-- HE DOES NOT 'ANTICIPATE PLAYING ANY ROLE IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN FORMULATING FOREIGN POLICY.' HOWEVER, HE WOULD BE PREPARED 'TO ASSIST IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO OFFER ADVICE.' END QUOTE.

2. UPI (ANDERSON FROM LONDON)

QUOTE: SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER ARRIVED IN LONDON TODAY ON WHAT WELL MAY BE HIS DIPLOMATIC SWANSONG

MISSION TO DISCUSS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT A POSSIBLE JOINT LAST DITCH ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIS FALTERING RHODESIAN PEACE PACKAGE.

KISSINGER FLEW FROM BRUSSELS AFTER ATTENDING, ALSO PROBABLY FOR THE LAST TIME, A NATO COUNCIL SESSION. IN A NEWS CONFERENCE THERE HE SAID THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IS STRONGER AND CONDITIONS FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT ARE BETTER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN FOR DECADES.

HE WAS CONFERRING IN LONDON LATER TODAY WITH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN, FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY CROSLAND AND OTHER BRITISH OFFICIALS.

AFTER NEARLY SEVEN WEEKS OF INCONCLUSIVE TALKS IN GENEVA, THE CONFERENCE CALLED TO SET UP AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA HAS BOGGED DOWN IN ANGRY WRANGLING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHITE SETTLER REGIME AND THE BLACK NATIONALISTS.

THE WHITE DELEGATION, HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH, INSISTED THE KISSINGER PACKAGE IS A 'CONTRACT' AND CANNOT BE CHANGED IN ANY WAY WITHOUT THE WHOLE DEAL COLLAPSING.

THE BLACK NATIONALISTS DEMANDED THAT EFFECTIVE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THEM SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERIM PERIOD AND NOT AT THE END, AS PROPOSED IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ORIGINAL KISSINGER PACKAGE.

BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF TRYING TO GET KISSINGER TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER PEACE 'SHUTTLE,' EITHER TO GENEVA OR AGAIN TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.

BUT THEY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE COULD OFFER NEW IDEAS TO GET THE DEADLOCKED GENEVA TALKS MOVING.

IN A NEWS CONFERENCE BEFORE LEAVING BRUSSELS, KISSINGER SAID 'THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IS STRONGER THAN IT HAS BEEN' AND THAT CONDITIONS FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT ARE BETTER THAN FOR DECADES.

3. UPI (ANDERSON FROM LONDON):

QUOTE: SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH BRITISH LEADERS FRIDAY IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE HIS LAST DIPLOMATIC EFFORT--THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA, BUT HE RULED OUT ANY FURTHER PERSONAL INTERVENTION.

KISSINGER MET FOR 90 MINUTES WITH BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY CROSLAND ON THE DEADLOCKED RHODESIA CONFERENCE ON

THE TRANSITION OF WHITE TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN THE
BREAKAWAY BRITISH COLONY.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AFTERWARDS, CROSLAND WAS ASKED IF
HE WOULD ASK KISSINGER TO ONCE AGAIN RESUME A ROLE TO
BREAK THE STALEMATE BETWEEN THE FOUR BLACK AND ONE WHITE
DELEGATIONS AT GENEVA.

'IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT THE AMERI-
CAN ROLE WHICH WAS CRITICAL, CRUCIAL LAST SUMMER
SHOULD GIVE WAY TO BRITAIN WHICH HAS A LEGAL AND CONSTI-
TUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY,' CROSLAND SAID.

KISSINGER INDICATED THAT THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE BESET
THE CONFERENCE DURING THE SEVEN WEEKS THEY HAVE BEEN GOING
ON WERE NATURAL BECAUSE OF WHAT KISSINGER CALLED, 'THE
PROFOUND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES.'

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'THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM IS TO ARRANGE THE TRANSFER OF
POWER,' KISSINGER SAID. 'IT IS A VERY PAINFUL PROCESS
FOR BOTH...THE WHITE MINORITY TO LAY DOWN POWER, AND
THE BLACK MAJORITY TO TAKE IT OVER IN STAGES.'

TELEVISION

4. CBS (WALTER CRONKITE)

THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BRUSSELS (GARBLED)

ARSAW PACT NATIONS AGREE NOT TO BE THE FIRST TO USE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. A NATO COMMUNIQUE SAID THE WEST MUST BE
FREE TO USE ANY WEAPON AGAINST AN AGGRESSOR;BUT SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER,I, A LATER NEWS CONFERENCE SAID A SOLU-
TION TO EAST-WEST PROBLEMS MUST BE FOUND AND A CODE OF
RESTRAINT AGREED TO SO AS TO PREVENT AN UNIMAGINABLE
CATASTROPHE.

FROM BRUSSELS, KISSINGER FLEW TO LONDON WHERE HE TURNED HIS
ATTENTION TO THE STALLED TALKS ON BLACK MAJORITY RULE FOR
RHODESIA.

HE MET WITH BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND TO DISCUSS
WAYS TO PREVENT THE TALKS FROM COLLAPSING AND HE ENDORSED
BRITAIN'S EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

5. ABC EVENING NEWS

REASONER: THERE'S ONE LAME DUCK IN THE FORD ADMINISTRATION
STILL FLYING, IT'S HENRY KISSINGER OF COURSE, WHO HAS
LOGGED MORE TRAVEL MILES THAN ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BEFORE

HIM. TODAY HE WAS ON THE PLANE AND OFF THE PLANE FOR WHAT MIGHT BE THE FINAL TRIP, A LAST VISIT TO THE NATO CHIEFS IN WESTERN EUROPE. BARRIE DUNSMORE PICKS UP KISSINGER'S DAY IN BRUSSELS.

DUNSMORE: KISSINGER'S LAST NATO APPEARANCE WAS MARKED WITH SOME PRAISE, SOME PHILOSOPHISING AND SOME HUMOR. NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS SUPPLIED THE PRAISE, SAYING THAT KISSINGER WAS A MAN TO WHOM THE ADJECTIVE GREAT, CAN UNCLASSIFIED

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BE APPLIED WITH SINCERITY. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE WHICH FOLLOWED, KISSINGER WAS PREPARED TO BE PHILOSOPHICAL. HE DEALT WITH SUBJECTS LIKE MORALITY IN FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH HE SAID WAS ESSENTIAL. HE ALSO PREDICTED THAT THE POLICY OF THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT BE PROFOUNDLY DIFFERENT THAN HIS.

KISSINGER: I BELIEVE THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES CAN NEVER BE BASED ON THE PERSONAL PREFERENCES OF INDIVIDUALS. AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE ATTEMPTED TO ANALYZE THE BASIC REALITIES AND THE BASIC INTERESTS AND PURPOSES OF THE UNITED STATES. IN THAT SENSE, IF OUR CONCLUSIONS WERE SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT I WOULD BELIEVE THAT A NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD FOLLOW A SIMILAR COURSE.

DUNSMORE: KISSINGER WAS NOT, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO BE DRAWN INTO ANY ASSESSMENT OF HIS OWN PERFORMANCE.

KISSINGER: I HAVE TOLD THE NATO COUNCIL THAT IT'S TOO EARLY TO WRITE OBITUARIES AND HAVING SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF PEOPLE HERE THAT HAVE BEEN ANALYZING MY DRAWBACKS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FORMER, I WOULD NOT WANT TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR WORK.

DUNSMORE: THEN IT WAS OFF TO LONDON. IT HAD BEEN ASSUMED THAT BRUSSELS WAS HIS LAST NEWS CONFERENCE IN EUROPE, BUT

A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER HE POPPED IN AT THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY CROSLAND, WHERE THEY REPEATED A GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THE RHODESIAN SITUATION. THROUGH-OUT THIS WHOLE LAST TRIP, KISSINGER HAS TREATED HIS LAME DUCK STATUS WITH GOOD HUMOR. FOLLOWING HIS LAST NEWS CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS HE BOARDED HIS PLANE AND SAID WITH A BIG SMILE TO CORRESPONDENTS, "WELL, YOU WON'T HAVE ME TO KICK AROUND ANY MORE." BUT THEN THERE WAS THIS UNPLANNED APPEARANCE WITH THE BRITISH, AFTER IT, HE SAID, "MY NEXT LAST NEWS CONFERENCE WILL BE AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT." BARRIE DUNSMORE, ABC NEWS, LONDON.

WALTERS: KISSINGER'S TALK WITH BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND ABOUT RHODESIA WAS NOT ONE OF HIS MORE SUCCESSFUL

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EFFORTS AT DEADLOCK BREAKING. AFTER THE MEETING, CROSLAND ALL BUT RULLED OUT A ROLE FOR KISSINGER AND THE UNITED STATES FOR NOW.

6. NBC EVENING NEWS

BRINKLEY: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LAST APPEARANCE, LAST DAY AT THE NATO MEETING OF EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS BROUGHT PRAISE AND APPLAUSE FOR HIM, AND A FEW WORDS FROM HIM FROM ABOUT HIS EIGHT YEARS IN POWER IN WASHINGTON. RICHARD VALARIANI HAS A REPORT.

VALARIANI: KISSINGER'S FAREWELL APPEARANCE AT NATO PRODUCED AN OUTPOURING OF PRAISE FROM HIS EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES. AND THEN AT THE SECRETARY'S CUSTOMARY NEWS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING, A REFLECTIVE ANALYSIS OF WHAT HIS JOB HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT THESE PAST FEW YEARS IN POWER.

KISSINGER: I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE ULTIMATE TEST OF WHATEVER AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE OR PRESIDENT DOES WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD WILL BE THE DEGREE TO WHICH IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE UNITY AND VITALITY AND STRENGTH OF THE FREE PEOPLES AND ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA. SECURITY IN ITSELF IS NOT ENOUGH. WE HAVE TO ASK, SECURITY FOR WHAT, AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE. WE THEREFORE OWE IT TO OUR PEOPLE, AS WE SEARCH FOR SECURITY, TO MAKE CLEAR WE ARE ALSO SEEKING PEACE.

VALARIANI: SOME EUROPEAN NEWSMEN APPLAUDED KISSINGER AS HE LEFT. HE CAME TO LONDON TO TALK ABOUT REGENERATING THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA, WITH BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER CROSLAND AND THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, SIR IVOR RICHARD. KISSINGER THINKS THAT THE SITUATION

IN GENEVA IS BETTER THAN IT LOOKS, AS HE SUGGESTED AT NEWS CONFERENCE WITH CROSLAND.

KISSINGER: AND I BELIEVE THAT FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM MR. RICHARD AND FROM WHAT I KNOW THROUGH OUR CONSTANT CON-

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TACTS DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, THAT A POSSIBILITY FOR PROGRESS EXISTS AND WILL BE EXPLORED TO THE FULLEST BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

VALARIANI: THIS WAS PROBABLY KISSINGER'S LAST FORMAL NEWS

CONFERENCE. HE DOESN'T WANT TO HOLD ANOTHER ONE IN WASHINGTON BECAUSE HE IS CONCERNED IT MIGHT BE TURNED INTO A CIRCUS. BUT HE DOES PLAN TO MAKE A FAREWELL SPEECH IN WASHINGTON BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE. RICHARD VALARIANI, NBC NEWS, LONDON

BRINKLEY: THE RUSSIANS PROPOSED A DEAL, THAT BOTH NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT AGREE TO ACCEPT NO NEW MEMBERS. WELL, IT APPEARED TO ALL A TRICK, TO STOP NATO FROM TAKING IN SPAIN, WHILE RUSSIA, OF COURSE, KEEPS ALL THE WARSAW PACT MEMBERS IT NOW HAS. IT WAS REJECTED. ROBINSON

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